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## Your Tax Dollars At Work!



The 4th Street project has been completed. The roadway improvements are between Reinken and Aragon. The project consists of an overlay, valley gutters, partial curb and gutters to allow for drainage to Reinken. To the left is construction started and to the right is when completed.



Water well #4 has been completed and is now providing the necessary usage of water as required by our area residents. The city will be seeking funds for replacement of our water storage tank located directly across the well site.



The second phase of our multi-purpose Community center is now 98% complete. The facility includes gym floor, basketball and volley ball accommodation, mezzanine with a walking path, it will also include cardiovascular equipment for your use . It's a state of the art facility and once open we believe it will get much use . There will be an open gym fee of \$1.00.



Delgado Street is also under construction. The project consists of utility relocation and sidewalks on the south side from the drainage ditch to Mesa Road.

**Reminder: January 1, 2009 gross receipt tax will increase from 7.1875% to 7.4375%.**

## The Mayor Speaks

Hello Everyone! It seems Spring is back in Belen. Fruit trees and lilac bushes are once again in bloom. Of course it's due to the scariest 20 minutes I have ever experienced since I've lived here. The destructive hail storm! I must compliment our citizens for pulling together the way we have. Estimates have come in between 45 and 50 million dollars worth of damages to our community. Thanks to all who helped in the clean up of our city. Our citizens, neighbors and especially our city employees. The work is still not done. We still have the repair stages, new roofs, paint jobs and new windows. I ask anyone who has elderly neighbors or family to assist them with their insurance process. First file a claim. A check is issued fairly quick. Next get your estimates. You will find most estimates to repair your damages are usually less than the money you receive. Talk to your insurance agent or claim adjustor and they often make up the difference (depending on your type of insurance). It is time consuming and very frustrating but don't give up. There are many local roofers, body shops, and glass shops that have been wonderful to work with. Remember if you have a non-licensed person do your job you have no recourse if something goes wrong. Use licensed businesses, it makes for a much more pleasant experience.



On a lighter note, don't forget to attend our **Fall Festival on October 11th** at the Anna Becker Park, from 3:00 to 7:00pm. It's great fun for all .

Until the next time, Ronnie

## 2008 CALENDAR OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGH THE RECREATION PROGRAM

October	3, 17	Special Needs Dance-RC
	11	Fall Fest-ABP
	24	End Growers Market
	25	Halloween Hustle-Fun Run and Walk-EP
	31	Halloween Fest-RC
November	7, 21	Special Needs Dance-RC
	29	Christmas Festival and Miracle on Main Street Electrical Light Parade
December	5, 19	Special Needs Dance-RC
	13	Children's Christmas Festival-RC

**Note: All dates subject to change**

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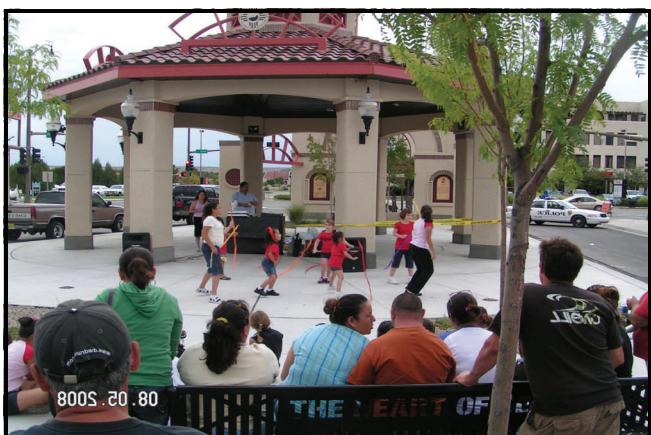
**RC-Recreation Center**

**HOB-Heart of Belen**

**ABP-Anna Becker Park**

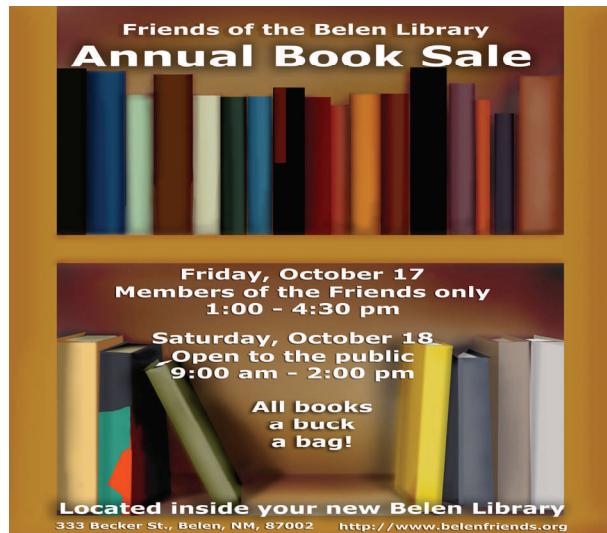
**EP-Eagle Park**

**CC-Community Center**



### National Night Out

August 5, 2008 marked the 25th anniversary of the National Night Out. The Belen Police and Fire Departments teamed up to provide a fantastic time for the citizens of Belen. This is time taken to provide free refreshments, food, entertainment, face painting and a fun time for all ages. It's an evening designated in an attempt to build camaraderie between our public safety personnel and the community. The partnership could mean less crime, more assistance in capturing those committing crime, and much more. Thanks and appreciation are extended to the businesses and individuals who assisted in the success of this program. The Police and Fire department personnel, A & A Pumping Service, Rutilio's New Mexican Foods, Water King, Walmart, Lowes, Wayne's MC Express, Pepsi, Kick 66, City of Belen Parks Department and Recreation Department, Mildred Garley and Marie Padilla.



### **FRIENDS OF THE BELEN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE**

Most of the sale proceeds go toward children's reading programs. This summer more than 200 young people participated in the programs which included daily incentive prizes, performers such as a storyteller and a magician, and end-of-program parties. Special thanks go to Laura Hawes, Book Sale Chair, and her husband Don, for coordinating the sale for the third year. For more information please call Laura at 861-1236.

**Date: Saturday, October 18, 2008**

**Who: Open to the Public**

**Time: 9:00am—2:00pm.**

**Where: New Public Library**

**How Much: \$1.00 a bag**



### Water Conservation Tips

- There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalks and save 80 gallons of water every time.
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1000 gallons a month.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing produce and reuse it to water house plants.
- Install low-volume toilets.
- Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
- Don't use running water to thaw food.
- Teach your children to turn the faucets off tightly after each use.
- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
- Soak your pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Bathe younger children together.
- Don't run water while lathering your hands.